

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 267

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Clifford "Kip" Reel, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George Clifford "Kip" Reel, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Kip Reel was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed educator and public servant, Kip Reel was a prominent figure in public education in Tennessee, serving as Assistant Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education during the McWherter Administration where he played a major role in the landmark Education Improvement Act of 1992; and

WHEREAS, after leaving state government, Mr. Reel served as Director of Business and Finance and later interim Director of Schools for Maury County, adroitly guiding the school system through a difficult period before accepting the position of Executive Director of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reel most recently served with acumen and alacrity as the Director of Schools for Henderson County, in which position he earned the respect and the admiration of the principals, teachers, staff, and the membership of the Henderson County Board of Education as well as the good people of Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Oak Ridge, Kip Reel was the son of George Clifford Reel, Sr., and Dorothy Jean Duncan Reel; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his nation as well as his local community, Kip Reel rendered sterling service as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reel was also deeply committed to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mary Sneed Reel, and he will be sorely missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Danielle Reel, and his sons, Matthew Reel and Lincoln Reel; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, wife, and children, Mr. Reel is survived by his sisters, Lisa Conner and Lori Boyd; and

WHEREAS, Kip Reel's sister, Sara Reel, preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Kip Reel leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of George Clifford "Kip" Reel, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Reel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.